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SUBJECT: ORR Working Group on Communist China

In his memorandum of 13 August to members of the IAC, the Director of CIA noted certain serious deficiencies in the intelligence effort devoted to Communist China. Among the principal deficiencies noted was the inadequacy of the research program. In order to intensify the research activity on this geographic area, ORR has laid on an expanded program for the calendar year 1953, which, among other things, includes an office-wide project on Communist China (ORR Project number O.3, entitled, Economy of Communist China).

As an interim measure a Working Group was set up in ORR in late September, under the chairmanship of [REDACTED] for the purpose of assembling the readily available information on the Chinese Communist Economy into report form by 15 January 1953. The purpose of the project is twofold: first, it is to present a preliminary study of the economy as it was taken over by the Communists in 1949 together with an analysis of economic developments since that time; and second, it is to delineate the areas of gaps and the nature of deficiencies in information and research as a guide to future collection, collation and research activities. The product of this interim exercise will serve as the preliminary basis for the office-wide project outlined for 1953. 25X1A9a

The deadline for submission of the reports from the responsible individuals is 15 December 1952. Between that date and 15 January 1953, the chairman and appropriate members of D/A will, in consultation with members of the working group, draft an integrated report and will summarize the findings of the study. In order to provide a check on work progress and on the difficulties encountered, each analyst assigned to this group is to prepare a six-week progress report for oral presentation to the chairman of the Working Group before the middle of November.

A list of Working Group members is attached hereto.

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Acting Assistant Director

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